

Gender Summit 3 - North America

Diversity Fueling Excellence in Research and Innovation



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The aim of the 3rd Gender Summit, which is focused on North America, is to interconnect all relevant stakeholders in a Call to Action to achieve positive change towards greater diversity in the Science, Engineering, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) workforce and leadership, and greater inclusion of sex and gender considerations (the "gender dimension") in research content and process.

BACKGROUND



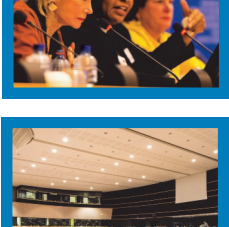
Established in 2011, the Gender Summit has become the foremost forum for engaging top-level researchers, policy makers, science and innovation leaders, and other actors and stakeholders in STEM, to address gender issues in research and innovation where they impact on efficacy, quality and success of these sectors.

GOALS



- Develop a collective commitment to strengthen human capital development, research and innovation through diversity
- Demonstrate latest evidence of how incorporating sex and gender consideration into STEM research and innovation contribute to excellence
- Expand and transform the Gender Summit into a global level forum for collaborative dialogue and activities focused on shaping science and society through the inclusion of gender dimension in research, innovation, and markets for science knowledge.

OBJECTIVES



- Develop solutions on how to incorporate sex and gender considerations in research methods, institutional structures, funding structures and peer review processes
- Foster an inclusive community of experts -- cross-disciplinary, government, industry, academic, and citizen partnerships -- to address scientific and societal grand challenges
- Maximize national and international capacity to address societal challenges and create transformational opportunities through research and innovation that is appropriately responsive to the needs of both women and men.
- Create an implementation Roadmap for evidence-based, concerted and integrated action by all stakeholders engaged in STEM.



The Summit will address the following questions:

What is the compelling research evidence that demands immediate response?

What mechanisms are needed to strengthen inter-stakeholder collaboration?

What are the most appropriate, beneficial and impactful actions that different stakeholders can take?

What strategy is best to achieve global impact?



The Gender Summit was established in Europe in 2011. In 2013, for the first time, the event expands to North America with the National Science Foundation, www.nsf.org, as lead partner.

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